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In re Application of:

Chen, et al.

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For:

Conductive Polishing

Article for Electrochemical Mechanical Polishing

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Examiner:

David B. Thomas

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2002

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two-months and set to expire on May 12, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4100P1/CMP/CMP/BKH, in the amount of \$1074.00 for seven (7) additional independent claims and twenty-seven (27) total new claims, and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0106] with the following paragraph:

[0106] Figure 11A depicts another embodiment of a conductive member 1100 disposed in the pocket 1004 of the polishing article 205. The conductive member 1100 is generally an at least partially conductive bar, cylinder, rod, roller, or coil that includes